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May 27, 2014

The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Sundays in Kansas City are filled with red jerseys, T-shirts and hats. Everyone is fired up for the Chiefs, and it draws the community together. I was recently made aware that the federal government might end the current sports broadcasting system for professional football. Since this could greatly affect my local community, I decided I needed to make my voice heard.

Everyone in Kansas City benefits from a full stadium, and Chiefs' fans take great pride in selling out the game every week. The local economy greatly benefits from sellouts. Local vendors staff the stadium, local restaurants run food trucks in the parking lot, and local grocery stores provide the tailgating gear. As a businessman, I know the kind of positive economic benefits an influx of people for a Chiefs' home game can bring to the area economy.

Changing the current system is unnecessary. It would threaten the game-day economy, and give cable and satellite providers an opportunity to force fans, including low-income fans, to choose between buying a product or miss out on seeing their home team play.

For the sake of football fans throughout the country and local game day economies, please leave the current system in place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul LeVota".

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